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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2003. Please amend the present application without prejudice as follows:

In the Claims

(clean copy as amended)

14. (Once Amended) The kit of claim 7 wherein the tapered portion has an angle between 30° and 50°.
15. (Once Amended) The kit of claim 9 wherein the tapered portion has an angle between 30° and 50°.

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